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THE CHARWOMEN OF WHITEHALL.

DEMAND FOR LESS WORK AND
MORE VACUUM CLEANERS.

TRADE UNION ACTION.

The battalions of charwomen in the Government offices in and around Whitehall are seething with excitement. It is stated that they have grievances. A champion has been found in the Civil Service Confederation, and accordingly their case is to be developed.

The allegations are that:—

The charwomen's work has been increased from 2,000 to 2,500 superficial feet of cleaning every day.

They only get 2s. a week.

They have to pay for two journeys a day to do their work.

The number of vacuum cleaners installed is miserably inadequate.

The Office of Works is responsible.

An inquiry is therefore to be demanded, and questions are to be put in Parliament.

The Office of Works Reply.

The Civil Service Confederation appears to have been misinformed.

"The Office of Works does not control the charwomen, neither does it engage nor dismiss them; in fact, it only controls the charwomen in its own department. The increase of superficial feet to be cleaned daily took place five years ago, and there have been no complaints."

"There are twelve vacuum cleaners in Whitehall, and the charwomen prefer the special brooms which are supplied. The offices as a whole are not dirty."

"That is the reply of Whitehall."

An inspection of the leading departments revealed that the Ministry of Health, Office of Works, India Office, Education Department, and Board of Trade are scrupulously clean. The Foreign Office is kept like a mansion.

The War Office is clean, as is the Ministry of Labour. The Admiralty is very clean in parts, the Treasury is clean, and the Home Office is clean.

MILL-GIRLS "LIKE MANNEQUINS."

CLOG-AND-SHAWL STYLE
DEAD.

The smart, well-dressed appearance of a group of Yorkshire mill-girls who have just left for Australia to work in mills there aroused much interest in London. Inquiries by newspaper representatives show that mill-girls nowadays dress as stylishly as any other workers.

One of the chief results of the growing popularity of artificial silk stockings is the gradual disappearance of the once universal "clog."

"The clog-and-shawl days are dead," said Mr. H. Hodges, manager of Messrs. Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co., Ltd., of Bolton.

Of about 1,000 girls here (he added) not more than half a dozen wear clogs, and even they keep them at a mill and wear them merely for work.

They dress in silk stockings, low shoes, costumes, or coat frocks.

Mr. C. H. Roston, manager-director of Doubleday, Ltd., Denton, the largest doubling mill in the country, said:—

"There are 800 girls here, and I don't think one of them wears clogs; nor have I ever seen any one wearing a shawl."

Thirty per cent. of our girls wear Russian boots in hard weather."

Mr. A. Hargreaves, secretary of the Swan Lane Spinning Co., said:—"Not one-third of our girls wear clogs—they are more like mannequins than mill-girls."

The clog trade, however, expressed no dismay at these changes. "Our output in 1925 was bigger than ever before," said Mr. J. Richardson, manager of Messrs. Edwin Lee, Ltd., of Bolton, which claims to be the biggest firm of cloggers in the country. "We produce 1,000 pairs a week. If mill-girls renounced them altogether it would make little difference to our trade as there is always a big demand among pitmen, dye-workers, and copper workers."

BOXING.

KEEN NOVICES' COMPETITIONS.

SERVICE MEN GIVE AND GET
A DUSTING.

FINAL BOUTS TO-NIGHT.

There was a good attendance at the Novices' Boxing Competition between the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and the Air Force held last night at the Royal Canteen Theatre at Praya East.

The officials were Lieut. Comdr. Scott Bell, Lieut. Comdr. "Drinking" water, Lieut. Garrett, Lieut. Comdr. Ratay and Lieut. Robinson. The fighters, all novices, were as keen as mustard and went at it with all the gusto they could put into it. The most pleasing feature was the clean sportsmanship shown by all contestants throughout. They showed they at least knew how to take their medicine and give back as much as they received, even if they lacked the science of the stars.

Several knock-outs, all in the first round, added zest to the programme.

It was announced that the competition, which will be repeated to-night when the final bouts will be fought, is held in order to find promising contestants for the more important fights held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

This novices' competition is regarded as of greater importance than the contests of the more experienced pugilists, because those who have never been in the ring before are given a chance to show their mettle, and once the appetite is whetted, there is no saying how far one of these novices will go.

The bouts were divided into two sessions. The first was held yesterday at 5.30 p.m., and the second at 8.30.

RESULTS.

The results of the latter bouts are as follows:—

FEATHERWEIGHT.

A.B. Pratt (H.M.S. Titania) beat A.B. Wood (Bluebell).

O.S. Wright (Dragon) beat St. Harley (Hermes).

Boy Macquie (Danac) beat O.S. Gates (Danac).

A.B. Friend (Titania) beat O.S. Dowton (Hermes).

A.B. Newstead (Hermes) beat A.B. Mitchell (Hermes).

O.S. Wakelin (Danac) beat St. Henderson (Despatch).

WELTERWEIGHT.

Sto. Russell (Despatch) beat A.B. Snell (Despatch).

Stoker Brown (Hermes) knocked out O.S. Gibbs (Despatch).

Sto. Macquie (Despatch) beat A.B. Thompson (Despatch).

A.B. Armstrong (Petersfield) walked over A.B. Gibbs (Hermes).

Sig. Batson (Irishman) walked over O.S. Marchant (Hermes).

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Leading St. Foy (Marasone) knocked out A.B. Sutcliffe (Delhi).

FEATHERWEIGHT.

Boy Roland (Frobisher) knocked out Boy Salmon (Delhi).

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS "A":
SECOND ROUND.

O.S. Williams (Dragon) beat Boy Lee (Danac).

In this fight the decision was given after an extra round of a minute had been fought. Boy Lee was recommended for his clean sparring.

A.B. Neicho (Dragon) beat O.S. Gentle (Dragon).

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS "A":
THIRD ROUND.

Sto. Hickey (Ambrose) beat Sto. Carr (Titania).

Leading Air Chasman Davey (Hermes) knocked out A.B. Spencer (Hermes).

WELTERWEIGHT CLASS "A":
Sto. Harrison (Frobisher) beat O.S. Hall (Danac).

Sto. Patrick (Ambrose) knocked out Sig. Bradley (Tamar).

Earlier Bouts.

The winners in the bouts held at 5.30 p.m. were:—

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Sto. Hickey (Ambrose); A.B. Spencer; L.A.C. Davey (Hermes); Sencer (Hermes); L.A.C. Davey (Hermes).

WELTERWEIGHT.

Sto. McKelvey (Titania); Boy Moody (Dragon); St. Patrick (Ambrose).

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Sig. Batson (Irishman); O.S. Marchant (Hermes); Sto. Foy (Marasone); A.B. Sutcliffe (Delhi); O.S. Croxtall (Delhi); A.B. Heister (Kappel).

FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS "B".

A.B. Pratt (Titania); O.S. Wright (Dragon); Boy Macquie (Dragon); A.B. Friend (Titania).

LIGHTWEIGHT.

A.B. Newstead (Hermes); A.B. Mitchell (Hermes); O.S. Wakelin (Delhi).

WELTERWEIGHT.

A.B. Snell (Delhi); Sto. Russell (Despatch); O.S. Gibbs (Hermes); Sto. Macquie (Despatch); Sto. Brian (Hermes); Armstrong (Hermes).

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF INCOMING FORCES INVITED TO JOIN.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held last evening at the Club House, there being a fair attendance of members.

Mr. W. Logan (acting Chairman of the Committee) presided and was supported by Mr. D. Lyon (retiring Secretary), and members of the Committee.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman referred in sympathetic terms to the deaths of three respected members of the Club, namely the Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, and Mr. Ho Fook.

The members passed a vote of condolence by standing in silence.

Referring to the Bath House Committee's report, the Chairman said that formerly they had a pontoon. At present it was almost impossible to launch a boat without coming to grief. He thought that if the Club had any money to spare they should rebuild pontoon which would enable them to enter competitions run, for example, by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The Chairman also hoped they would again win the Water Polo Shield, but impressed the need for practising especially as several members of the old team were leaving the Colony.

Boxing Competitions.

They used to have boxing competitions at the Club, and he thought these might be got up again, a source of pleasure to members. Sergt. Bunt had promised to run a tournament for them, and he thought the new committee might consider the suggestion.

Referring to the accounts, the Chairman said that renewals were shown at \$1,300, but this sum included a number of unusually heavy items. There was a loss of \$531, but the balance sheet showed that the Club was really better off than they were before.

The report and statement of accounts, which have previously appeared in the Daily Press, were passed.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers was then proceeded with.

The Chairman said that the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) had consented to become the Chairman of the Club, and the members signified their approval with applause.

Mr. C. J. Cooke was elected Secretary, Mr. D. Lyon having said he had not the time to spare to continue in this Office, but he would assist Mr. Cooke in any way he could.

To the post of Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Stewart was elected.

The following members were elected as the Committee: Messrs. W. Logan, D. Lyon, A. McKirdy, W. Anderson, A. Silva Netto, A. A. Alves, J. A. Lyon, S. Garrod and T. Meek.

The Ballotting Committee were elected as under: Messrs. J. B. Milne, F. Ross, A. Graves, G. R. Razavet, W. Hyndman, B. J. de N. Woon, W. Ward, A. J. Edgar, S. A. Marcal and C. Bond.

The Incoming Troops.

The Chairman announced that under the rules of the Club officers of the incoming troops, and forces generally of His Majesty the King, would be welcomed as honorary members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

It was decided to write to the G.O.C. and the C.I.C. intimating that all hospitality would be extended to Service Officer members of the Club.

It was also decided to send old magazines, papers and periodicals to the Headquarters, South China Command, for distribution among the troops in response to the request of Mrs. Luard.

The meeting terminated with cheers for the outgoing committee and the officers for the services they had rendered to the Club.

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

MORRIS v. DICKSON.

Boxing enthusiasts will be treated to a good show when Sto. Morris (Hermes) meets Leading Seaman Dickson (Frobisher) in a fifteen-round contest for a Welterweight Championship of the Colony.

The fight is scheduled to take place on March 5th. Sto. Morris is the present Champion of the Colony and is the holder of the Dyer Belt. Leading Seaman Dickson is the former Champion of Hong Kong in 1924-1925 in the Welterweight class.

WOMEN TAKE A HAND.

AN EMANCIPATION MOVEMENT.

A SPLENDID MANIFESTO.

To assist the women of Canton in organising and developing the movement for their own emancipation and to secure their participation in the National Revolution, the Women's Section of the Canton City Special Kuomintang has issued the following manifesto:—

The Kuomintang is based upon the Three Principles of the People, which were originated and expounded by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. It is directing the National Revolution, the object of which is to elevate China to a state of freedom and independence and to promote the general welfare of the people.

"In the midst of the rapid advances of the Revolution, it is essential that people of all walks should participate in its work in order to bring about its consummation as speedily as possible. We of the woman's world have been liberating ourselves from the shackles of the past. We have emerged from darkness and are advancing on the road of light.

The masses of women have gradually shown their inclinations toward the National Revolution by their awakening consciousness of the intrinsic value of the various women movements in which they participate. However, on account of the lack of organization and training, such women movements have not been very rapid and effective. It is also to be noted that the great majority of women are still tied down by the hideous conditions of social livelihood. These drowning ones are extending their hand and are eagerly looking to us for salvation. Should we who profess to be women comrades not do our part and help to ameliorate their pitiable plight? Should we not help to relieve them from oppression? Should we not assist the weak and succour those in distress?

"It is the duty of the Women's Section of the Canton City Special Kuomintang to direct the women movements within the Canton precinct. Based upon the twelfth article of our Party platform respecting domestic affairs "Equality of sex in the legal, economic and educational fields to be promoted; the development of women's rights to be assisted and advanced" and upon those revolutions concerning women movements that were passed at the second national congress of the Kuomintang, we should exert our utmost and swear to carry out our part in guiding the masses of women within the Canton precinct. Under the banner of the Kuomintang we should inaugurate training, organized, large-scale, model women movements in order to bring about our own emancipation and promote the development of our rights. Furthermore, we should centralize all women's activities and take an active part in the Nationalist Movement. These things must be done in order to effect a speedy consummation of the National Revolution." — Canton Gazette.

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG MEN.

CLUB SOCIAL HELD LAST NIGHT.

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME PROVIDED.

Last evening, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club held their first social of the season.

There was an excellent attendance of members and friends, and a very attractive and enjoyable programme was provided by the Entertainment Committee.

It comprised vocal items, piano-forte solos, monologues, and a number of indoor games, these being introduced for the first time.

The object of introducing such games is to promote good fellowship among Kowloonites.

During the interval light refreshments were served.

The social, as stated, was the first of this year, and the inaugural monthly function of this nature. One of its objects, also, was to introduce the new Chairman of the Club, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers to members and friends.



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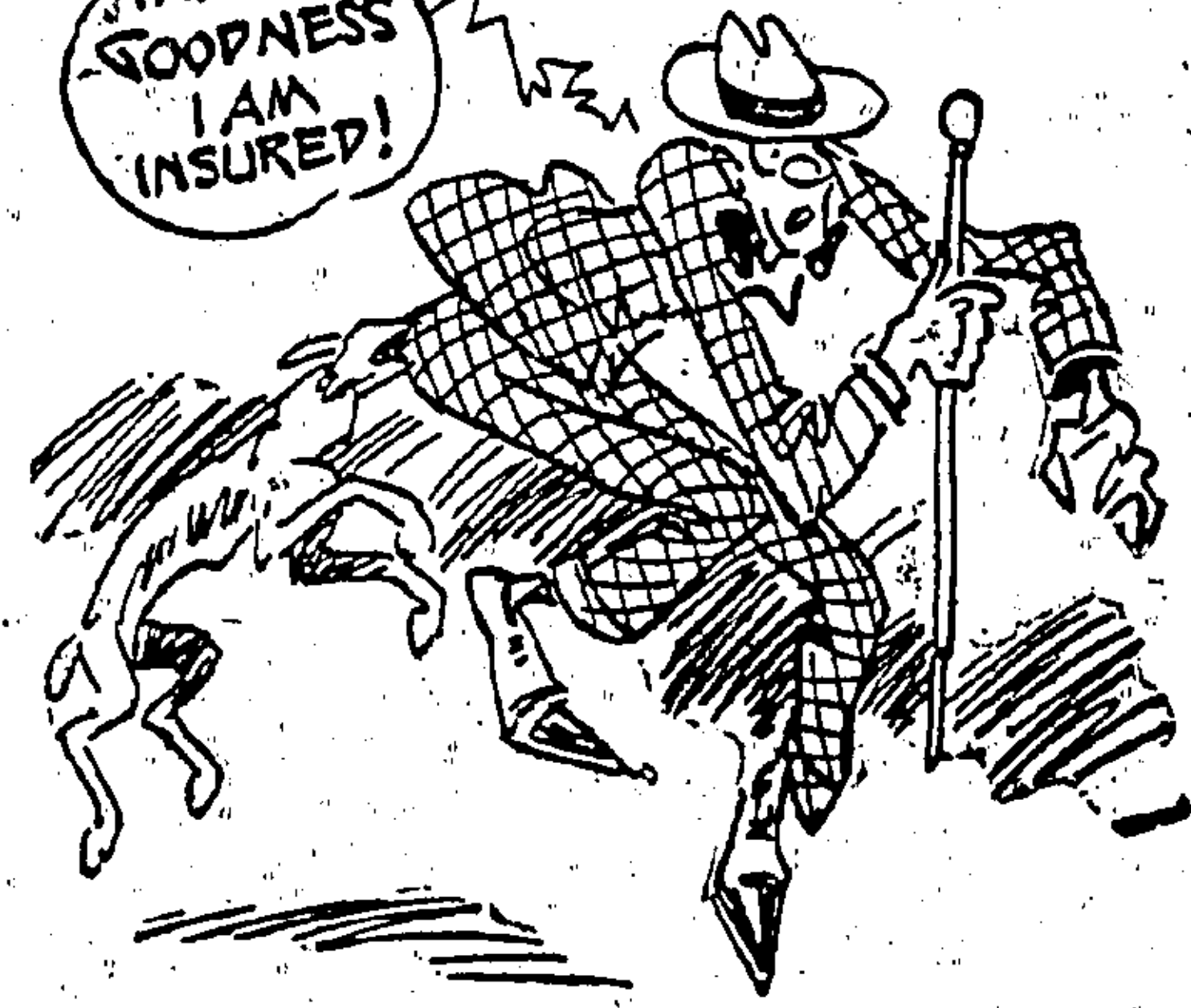
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HONG KONG RAIN-FALL.

A REVIEW OF 1926.

SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

(Continued).

The outstanding features of the year's rainfall were an exceptionally wet April and the tremendous storm of the early morning of July 19th, April is normally the beginning of the rainy season with an average of 5.65 inches. The rainfall for April, 1926, amounted to 17.16 inches exceeding the previous maximum by more than 2 inches. The storm of July 19th, coincided with the filling up of a typhoon to the north east of the Colony. The figures given below show the extent to which it exceeded in severity any previously recorded Hong Kong rainstorm.

Severe Rainstorms in Hong Kong.

1889	1923	1926
May 29th: 7 a.m. .40	October 30th: 11 p.m. .98	July 19th: 9 a.m. .54
8 " 1.44	Midnight 1.29	3 " 1.90
9 " .46	May 30th: 1 a.m. 2.30	4 " 3.96
10 " 3.33	2 " 3.20	5 " 2.90
11 " 3.33	3 " 3.40	6 " 2.64
noon 1.27	4 " 3.00	7 " 2.01
6 hours 9.98	5 " 1.85	8 " 2.24
Storm abated for 12 hours.	7 hours 15.19	9 " 3.20
Midnight .84	October 31st: 1 a.m. 2.82	10 " 1.04
May 30th: 1 a.m. 2.30	2 " 2.15	8 hours 20.43
2 " 3.20	3 " 1.25	
3 " 3.40	4 " 1.06	
4 " 3.00	5 " .90	
5 " 1.85		
6 " 1.85		
7 hours 15.19		
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5 " .90		
6 " 1.85		
7 hours 15.19		

The figures are from the Kowloon Observatory Bulletin. The gauge at the Botanic Gardens was unfortunately choked and figures from other parts of the Colony have not been published, but, judging by the damage done, the storm appears to have been equally severe on Hong Kong Island though of much less intensity to the north of the Kowloon range.

The rainfall of 1926 amounted to 100.78 inches, being 18 inches or 18 per cent. above the 43 years average. In the last ten years we have had 7 years above and 3 years below this average. The mean annual fall for these ten years being 92.75 inches or 8 per cent. above the average. Similar series of wet years have occurred before while on the other hand a series of ten dry years (1885-1904) average an annual rainfall of only 75 inches, and, as there is no reason to think that the average rainfall will continue to increase indefinitely it seems reasonable to expect in the near future a series of comparatively dry years. The tables below give the monthly rainfall for 1926 with the corresponding means and extremes, and the yearly rainfall from the date of the opening of the Observatory—1884.

1926	Mean.	Max.	Min.
Jan.	22	1.33	8.43
Feb.	24.0	1.73	7.95
Mar.	4.84	2.88	11.49
Apr.	17.16	5.65	17.15
May	5.73	11.61	48.84
June	6.83	15.80	34.27
July	22.79	14.54	30.08
Aug.	8.01	14.28	34.31
Sept.	17.30	9.91	30.60
Oct.	3.23	5.04	23.89
Nov.	4.97	1.76	8.81
Dec.	.45	1.04	4.90
	85.55		

Yearly Rainfall at Kowloon Observatory.

1884	1906	1926
75.42	100.78	72.50
1885	103.92	91.37
1886	69.17	91.37
1887	62.50	75.73
1888	104.58	70.14
1889	119.73	90.55
1890	70.93	63.93
1891	117.12	63.73
1892	80.97	100.21
1893	99.90	78.03
1894	104.25	79.88
1895	45.92	81.49
1896	72.78	101.60
1897	100.03	72.14
1898	57.03	107.38
1899	72.70	67.33
1900	73.70	60.43
1901	55.78	108.74
1902	97.50	88.57
1903	93.65	87.59
1904	80.41	100.78
1905	70.95	
43 years average	85.55 inches.	

INDO-CHINA TO HONG KONG.

FOREIGN LEGION DESERTERS' LONG TRAMP.

MAULED BY TIGER AND SWEEPED AWAY BY FLOOD.

AN ODD COINCIDENCE.

Members of the French Foreign Legion are not often seen in Hong Kong and it is rather an odd coincidence that two deserters from a French Foreign Legion Camp should have arrived here from Indo-China just at a time when a picture is being screened in the Queen's Theatre dealing in part with life in the French Foreign Legion. The two deserters mentioned below have been in Algiers, which is the setting of "Wages of Virtue" showing now at the Queen's Theatre and commented upon in some detail in the *Daily Press*.

Wearing the picturesque but tattered uniform of the Legion Etrangere, a Pole named Serge Kovahl, and a Roumanian named Francis Strakioviak told an adventurous and thrilling story to Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Det. Sub-Ins. Elston informed the Bench that the two men were deserters from the French Foreign Legion Camp at Kal Bang, French Indo-China. The charges against them were vagrancy and being in the Colony without visible means of subsistence.

Looking very dejected, the two deserters made a long statement in reply to the charge. They admitted having deserted from a company of the Foreign Legion, which is now stationed in a border district in Tonkin.

Served in the War. Francis Strakioviak said that he had served through the Great War, being captured in 1914 when the town of Kalish, in Poland, fell into German hands and removed to a prison camp. He was later put to work in a coal mine in Westphalia, and kept there until the signing of the Armistice in 1918.

On release, he joined the 9th Infantry Regiment of the Polish Army, and was demobilized in 1919. He then went to France, being enrolled in Labour Corps, and worked first in a coal-mine and then on a farm, until forced out of employment.

Gaol or Legion. He eventually made his way to Paris, where he was arrested as a deserter by the French Police. He was given the option of either going to gaol or joining the Legion. He joined up and was signed on for five years. He was later sent to Barbary, and fought against the Moors in Algeria and Morocco.

His Company was eventually transferred to Indo-China where they were employed on road construction, in company with prisoners.

Attempts to Desert. Not liking the work, he made two unsuccessful attempts to desert, and, on being recaptured, on each occasion was given harder work and longer service.

The third attempt to escape met with success. With three other comrades of the First Legion, he concerted a plan, and in the middle of the night, on the 11th of January last, they escaped from Cao-bang, their object being to make their way into Chinese territory.

One Killed By Tiger. The journey on foot through the hilly country which they had to traverse proved extremely hazardous. They encountered many privations and danger also beset them at every turn. Before the first stages of their journey had been completed, they were attacked by a tiger, and one of the party, also a Pole, was fatally mauled.

Lived on Leaves. Subsisting on leaves and wild fruits, the three fugitives eventually escaped over the frontier into Kwangsi. Once on Chinese soil, they had to keep pretty wide-awake to keep clear of both soldiers and bandits. For days they had also to go without food, but when lucky kindly disposed villagers gave them something to eat.

Drowned in Flood. Reaching Wuchow weary and foot-sore, the three deserters obtained help from local merchants. They were also given a passage down the West River to Canton. A second member of the party lost his life at this stage of their adventure. This man was drowned in the floods at the upper end of the Canton River.

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IS EARLY MARRIAGE DESIRABLE?

ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB THINKS NOT.

A LIVELY DEBATE.

The first of a series of debates under the auspices of the St. Peter's Young Men's Club, was held last night, and proved very successful. The subject under discussion, "Is Early Marriage Desirable?" was extremely well chosen, obviously dealing with a matter on which members felt deeply to judge by the eloquence called forth.

The Rev. Copley Moyle acted as chairman and the motion in favour was proposed by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M.A., and seconded by Mr. W. Thomas Tam, barrister-at-law. Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc., opposed the motion and was supported by Prof. L. Forster, B.A.

Interest was maintained from the beginning to the end and the debate was coloured with a number of very entertaining references.

Mr. Wittenbach said he considered an early marriage one that was contracted during the early twenties. He favoured it because marriage steadied a man. It was a cure for selfishness, helped the development of character and called forth a man's latent powers. It was, he contended, far cheaper to support one wife than many "girls." A woman could help her husband in his career far more than was realised and it was better for the health and happiness of the world to marry early in life. Youth was the time of flexibility of character and it was far easier for young couples to adapt themselves to each other than older people.

Mr. Price, the opposer, considered marriage early between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three. He humorously disapproved of the happy times and days of courtship. "Marriage is disappointment," he declared, "and it was far better to prolong courtship than to marry early. Courtship was ideal and wonderful."

Prof. L. Forster gave numerous instances of the misery caused by early marriages. One of these was the incapability of the young mother to bring up her children properly. Big families were another result of early marriages and that meant poverty and a low plane of living.

A lively discussion followed and when a vote was taken, the motion that early marriage is desirable was defeated by 35 votes to 16.

CHINESE WOMAN MURDERED.

A Chinese woman, aged about 40 years, was found murdered on the hillside, at Au Pui Ling, near the Kowloon Hospital, last evening at about seven o'clock. A constable on duty made the discovery.

The unfortunate woman had her head bashed in. No clues appear to have been found as regards her assailant.

In Canton.

After having set out with such high hope from Indo-China, the two survivors reached Canton tattered, unkempt and exhausted. But their troubles were by no means ended, for they were promptly taken in charge by the Canton Police authorities and sent down to Hong Kong.

The Roumanian's Story. Kovahl said he had worked as a plantation labourer in Brazil. He struck camp and proceeded to France, where he was taken in charge by the French Immigration Authorities and joined the Foreign Legion. After a short stay in Algeria and Morocco, he was also transferred to Tonkin.

Deserted and Recaptured. Kovahl did not find the work congenial and made an attempt to desert, but without much luck being recaptured, given hard labour and forced to add another two years on his contract of service.

Sent to House of Detention. With a wife-begone look both men stood in the dock dejectedly awaiting the Court's decision. When they were told that they would be kept in the House of Detention until instructions were received from the French Consul with regard to their repatriation to Indo-China, both men looked as if the sentence of death had been passed on them.



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COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

"PICKED UP IN CANTON."

DEFENCE THAT WAS NOT BELIEVED.

About the feeblest defence ever advanced in a court of law was heard when a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday with uttering and possessing a number of counterfeit ten-cent pieces.

Divisional Inspector A. Clarke, prosecuting, told the Court that the defendant had bought ninety cents worth of matches from a shop. The master of the shop was out at the time and his wife took the coins without questioning. Upon his return, the shop-keeper discovered that the coins were bad. In the street he found the accused with three other men having an argument over the coins. Accused ran away, throwing a number of the coins into the harbour. Some of these were recovered by witness.

In reply to Mr. Lindsell, the accused said that he had picked up the money in a street in Canton. (Laughter.)

Mr. Lindsell: Do you honestly and sincerely wish me to believe that?—Yes.

Mr. Lindsell: Why did you throw the coins into the harbour?—I didn't want anyone to pick them up and get into trouble. (Laughter.)

His Worship passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

GUARDING AGAINST RABIES.

VICTIMS OF DOG BITES IN HOSPITAL.

A chair coolie was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. Ho, of No. 45, Conduit Road on Thursday. The victim was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and the dog was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

Another victim of a dog bite was the daughter of Sergeant Floyd of the Royal Engineers, at Murray Barracks. The child was treated at the Military Hospital, and the dog was sent to the Kennedy Town Depot.

CHICKEN STEALERS BIRCHED.

Two young chicken thieves made their appearances before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Both admitted taking two live fowls but said they were coerced into committing the offence by a dead man.

His Worship: If he told you both to commit suicide, would you do it?

One of the boys, who had a previous conviction, was ordered to receive ten strokes and was severely warned, whilst his companion was ordered six strokes.

SPIRIT OF THE RACES.

EVEN IN EVIDENCE AT SUMMARY COURT.

TUESDAY UNPOPULAR FOR LEGAL FIXTURES!

The atmosphere of race week was even introduced into the Summary Court yesterday morning, and proved that the legal profession in Hong Kong's look forward to the annual races, as keenly as do their colleagues in England to the Derby, the Grand National and the Bar point-to-point meeting.

Several members of the profession showed a decided dislike to having any of their cases set down for hearing next Tuesday, the second day of the races.

Much amusement was caused when Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who was appearing in a case with Mr. D. McCallum, was considering the suggestion of an early date, requested by Mr. McCallum.

The acting Puisne Judge (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill) remarked: Have you any objection to Tuesday?

Mr. Russ: Well, my Lord, I have no objection, but I don't like it.

In another case, in which Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones and Mr. W. D. Owen appeared, his Lordship suggested the same date, Tuesday, but Mr. Hugh-Jones replied that he was afraid he would have another "contest" on that day.

His Lordship remarked, with a smile, that there "seemed to be some sort of objection" to hearing cases next week.

SING SONG GIRLS TRICKED.

ARTFUL ROBBERS AT CHINESE CLUB.

Three Chinese "sing song" girls were decoyed into a Chinese Club, where they were promptly seized and relieved of \$356 in money and a quantity of jewellery.

It appears from the police report that the Wan Lan Club, at 590, Queen's Road West, received a visit from a gang of four armed men shortly after 7 o'clock on Thursday night. There were only two people there at the time, and the robbers had no difficulty in gagging and binding them.

Then one of the gang who was handy with the "brush" wrote out an invitation to three West Point sing song girls and sent out one of their members with the "chit."

The girls, meeting business, came quickly enough and on entering the Club's premises were promptly seized and treated in the same way as the two members of the Club.

The robbers made good their escape.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANTON.

GROWING DAILY MORE SERIOUS.

DISPUTE WITH THE MERCHANTS CONTINUES.

CONFLICT ANTICIPATED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Unemployment in Canton is becoming more serious every day, but no one seems to pay much attention to it. Among the latest lists of unemployed the Press report 700 shoemakers and 300 folk of second-hand clothes shops. A number of silk firms, unable to transact their business freely, are now considering the advisability of suspending operations for a year or until the situation changes.

The unions consider that no business should close on account of lack of trade without first compensating the workers. The dispute between merchants and men regarding the rights of dismissal still continues and a conflict is expected at any moment. As a precaution the Police have been searching the Labour Union quarters for arms and all weapons found unregistered have been reported. The possession of weapons is allowed only under licence. Suggestions are also being now made to General Li Tsai Hsin, the Officer Commanding the Troops in Kwangtung, to strengthen the garrison of the City.

All the newspapers in Canton had to suspend publication on February 24th because the printers attended a meeting in honour of the Third International Delegation and had no time to do their work.

The attempt of the extremist sections of the workers in Canton to organise another general labour union under the name of the Kwangtung Provincial Labour Union (Kwangtung Chuen Shan Chung Kung Hui) is being opposed by the existing Canton Central Labour Union. The Central Labour Union is an organisation of some years standing and is comparatively moderate in its actions. It alleges that the proposed new union has no standing whatever among the workers and that the promoters are not working men.

A number of Chinese merchants in Sheklung, Kaukung, Fatsan and Chanchuan are endeavouring to organise societies and are applying to the Kuomintang for admission to the Party. The idea, apparently, is that they will escape persecution if they band together and become "comrades" with other members of the Kuomintang.

The Kuomintang Army guarding the North River district reports that some followers of General Shen Hung Ying, a former Kwangsi military leader, crossed the border line of Kwangtung on February 17th and are now interfering with the peace and order of the Yui-yang territory. At the request of Canton shipping interests the Canton military authorities are assigning guards to vessels plying between Canton and inland ports in order to prevent piracy.

Mr. Li Sheng Yi, who has been mainly responsible for the money raising schemes of the Kuomintang in Canton, is now leaving for Hankow. Mr. Li Sheng Yi's management of "war finance" although merciless to the tax-payer, has been a very large factor in the Kuomintang success throughout China.

The Society for the Extension of the Anti-British Boycott have addressed another note to the leading trade guilds of the City, through the General Chamber of Commerce, asking for support. Similar requests to the trade guilds have been disregarded, but owing to a certain amount of pressure, the General Chamber of Commerce called a meeting of leading trade guilds on February 24th. No steps are to be taken and the suggestions offered were described as impracticable. (Continued on next column).

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—On the eve of the closing of the entries may I, through the courtesy of your columns, appeal to all residents who have gardens to give every assistance possible in making the coming Flower Show to be held on March 10th a success.

The recent rain and fog has blasted the hopes of many, particularly residents on the Peak, including myself, but I am still sufficiently optimistic to hope that the Clerk of the Weather will yet be merciful and give us at least one week of decent weather in which to retrieve what at the moment appears to be a hopeless task.

A point to be borne in mind is that there is no obligation, monetary or otherwise, attaching to intending exhibitors and although it means more work for myself, it is far better that intending exhibitors should enter everything that has the slightest chance of being up to standard on the day of the Flower Show than not to enter at all, as it was amply demonstrated last year that a few days of really good weather can work wonders in a garden.

Entries close at 1 p.m. on Monday and I trust that all those who can spare the time will devote this week end to shuffling up their gardens and making out their entries on the lines I have indicated above.—Yours faithfully,

E. B. C. HORNEILL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong Horticultural Society.

FOUR THIEVES ROB ONE MAN.

BUT MONEY AND JEWELLERY OVERLOOKED.

An easy and successful haul was made by a gang of four robbers on Thursday night.

On the pretext of visiting a friend, the four men gained admission into the first floor at 286, Des Voeux Road Central, where they found only a feeble and short-sighted old man.

They at once fell on him and after binding and gagging him, they obtained the key of a safe from which they stole \$308 in cash. The robbers, however, were either amateurs at the game or else they were in a hurry to get away, for in the same safe, hidden underneath some books, was \$150 in notes and a quantity of jewellery worth several hundreds of dollars.

On February 25th, students of Sun Yat Sen University held a demonstration against all Mission and foreign managed educational organizations. The parade halted in front of the Municipal buildings, the Kuomintang Headquarters, and the Municipal Department of Public Education, where agitators delivered long tirades asking for the immediate seizure and control of all Christian and Missionary schools. Agitators were also busy beforehand denouncing Christian schools as agencies for "imperialism."

Hospitals and Schools.

According to Kuomintang Press agency figures, Christian and Mission educational institutions, which re-opened for the spring term last week, have nearly all reported a decrease in attendance. This is confirmed by the Christians themselves. The Hospital Doumer with which the Chinese-French Medical College is being affiliated will probably continue its work, upon the application of the French Consulate at Shanghai. The hospital and college are under the control of the French Government and receive Government support. On the other hand the Hackett Medical School for Women in Saue Kwan, Canton City, the first institution of its character in China and which was founded by Dr. Mary Fulton of the American Presbyterian Mission more than 30 years ago, will most likely be closed owing to difficulties with the Kuomintang. It is probable that the Gregg Hospital for Women and the Turner School for Nurses will be suspended at the same time, unless the Kuomintang decide to grant "special permission." There are more than 50 students in the Hackett Medical College, for Women, and if the American Mission decides to suspend the classes, the Kuomintang Medical College, an institution for Western medicine with a Chinese Board of Directors. For several years the Kwong Wah College has had Christians as president of the board and dean of the faculty.

CONGRATULATIONS.

SIR JOSEPH KEMP AND DR. KOTEWALL, C.M.G.

THE RECENT HONOURS.

REFERENCES AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon hearty congratulations were extended to Sir Joseph Kemp and to Dr. Kotewall, C.M.G., upon the honours recently conferred upon them by His Majesty the King.

H.E. The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided and there were present the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.); the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern); the Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.); the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.); the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy); Hon. Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police); Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs); Hon. Sir Henry Edward Pollock, K.C.; Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Sir Chou-sen Chow, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., C.M.G., Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. D. W. Tratman (Clerk of Councils).

H.E. The Governor.

H.E. The Governor:—Gentlemen,—Since this Council last met His Majesty the King has conferred high honour upon two of its members. The honourable the Attorney-General has been knighted and the honourable the Junior Chinese Member has been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Majesty's gracious act has evoked much pleasure throughout the Colony, but especially in this Council where we who are colleagues of Sir Joseph Kemp and Dr. Kotewall appreciate most fully how well these honours have been won by distinguished merit, painstaking industry, sterling worth of character and very loyal and devoted services to Hong Kong. I feel sure that the Council will desire to take this, the earliest opportunity of congratulating both Sir Joseph Kemp and Dr. Kotewall upon the honours which they have received. (Applause.)

Sir Henry Pollock.

Sir Henry Pollock: Sir, as Senior Unofficial member of this Council, it gives me great pleasure to have the privilege of endorsing the congratulations which have fallen from you upon the Attorney-General and the junior Chinese member. After filling many posts in the Civil Service great credit, Sir Joseph Kemp had his great opportunity when appointed Acting Attorney-General only a few years before the outbreak of the Great War. During the war years we learned to appreciate his very great skill in drafting rather intricate legislative measures for which there was no precedent laid down. Some one once said that it was very fine thing to be the draughtsman of an Act of Parliament because one could put in almost anything to include women and bread might be made to include butter. But we owe it to the sound and sterling common sense of Sir Joseph that he has at all time been conscious of the fact that the enthusiasm of the legislature must be, to a certain extent, restrained by the practical difficulties which we have to meet in dealing with matters of public legislation. Sir Joseph has also been of yeoman service to the Government and to this Colony through his labours on the Council—this Council and on the Executive Council where, I am sure, his advice is valued not only by the Governors of this Colony, but also by his unofficial colleagues.

Turning now the junior Chinese member he is a man of such varied parts that I am in a difficulty at the very outset. I do not know whether to address him as Mr. Kotewall or as Dr. Kotewall. But in view of the fact that he has a very large consulting practice, I am inclined to call him Dr. Kotewall. In the course of that consulting practice he has been the means of giving very valuable advice not only to the Government officials of this Colony but also to many members of the Chinese Community who have sought his counsel. (Continued on next column).

myself have often experienced the benefit of the sound judgment I have had from him on various matters affecting the Chinese community. I will not say anything more about my honourable unofficial colleague, now because I understand that Sir Shou-sen Chow intends to speak with reference to Dr. Kotewall's various and many activities among the members of the Chinese community.

Sir Shou-sen Chow.

Sir Shou-sen Chow: Your Excellency, it is with sincere joy that I beg to endorse every word that has fallen from Your Excellency regarding the high distinctions that have been conferred on the learned Attorney-General and on my Chinese colleague, the Honourable Dr. Kotewall, by His Most Gracious Majesty, the King. The Hon. Senior Unofficial Member of this Council has spoken at length on the valuable services rendered by Sir Joseph Kemp to the Colony, and it only remains for me to endorse his remarks, and to add that the Chinese Community received with pleasure the news of the high honour bestowed on him—an honour which he has earned by his ability, fair mindedness, tact and judgment.

As regards my Chinese colleague I consider no word of praise is too high for him. Ever since he was appointed to this honourable Council his one aim has been to promote the interests of the Chinese community and the general welfare of the Colony. It was the consensus of opinion among all classes of the community that the mark of distinction which he received from His Majesty was thoroughly merited. Personally I owe much to Dr. Kotewall for his whole-hearted co-operation in all matters concerning the Chinese public and I should like to take this opportunity of testifying to the esteem and regard in which he is held by the Chinese in Hong Kong. I would also like to express the sincere hope that he will enjoy many, many years of robust health to continue the good work he is now doing.

Sir Joseph Kemp.

Sir Joseph Kemp: I beg to thank Your Excellency most sincerely for the all too kind congratulations which you have expressed. I also desire to thank the Senior Unofficial member and Sir Shou-sen Chow for kindly associating themselves with those congratulations. Dr. Kotewall.

Hon. Dr. Kotewall: Your Excellency, I am extremely grateful to you for your kind congratulations and for your very generous remarks about myself which I do not deserve; and also to the Hon. Senior Unofficial Member and to my Chinese colleague for the equally kind manner in which they have endorsed them. Gentlemen, I thank you all.

Standing Law Committee.

Council then proceeded to routine business and H.E. The Governor announced that he had appointed the following members to serve as the Standing Law Committee for the year 1927:—Hon. Attorney-General (Chairman); Hon. E. R. Pollock, K.C.; Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

New Bills.

The Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, and the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1926, were both read a second time and passed through the Committee stage when certain minor technical amendments were made.

The third reading of both Bills was postponed until the next meeting of Council.

The Attorney-General also moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories. The object of the Bill, he said, is to give the Governor in Council power to make regulations for the purpose of preventing accidents in factories, and for certain cognate matters. The regulations which it is proposed to make under the Ordinance after it becomes law are published in the Gazette of January 14th. They deal mostly with questions of the fencing of belts, exposed wheels, shafting and other dangerous parts of machinery. It will be generally admitted that they are quite simple and entirely reasonable.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Council then went in camera to consider the Jurors' List.

QUARREL BETWEEN FATHER AND SON.

LEADS TO MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

PRISONER PLEADS "GUILTY," BUT IS DISCHARGED.

Although a Chinese pleaded "Guilty" at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to a charge of manslaughter, his plea was altered by order of the Judge to one of "Not Guilty," and, after hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," without leaving the box.

The case concerned a quarrel between father and son at a village called Fu Tai, near Castle Peak, and it was alleged that the dispute resulted in the death of the father. The two quarrelled over a monthly payment of \$2, and the son hit his father's hand with a chopper. Although the wound turned septic, the man refused to go to hospital and have his arm treated. Three weeks later, however, the arm was amputated, but the man died.

The case was heard yesterday before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, and Mr. E. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute.

When charged, and asked to plead, prisoner replied "I am guilty."

His Lordship: I'll take that as a plea of "Not Guilty," Mr. Crown Solicitor.

Prisoner (when this had been interpreted to him): Is that so? but I really plead guilty.

His Lordship decided that it was best that the case should go before a jury, which was thereupon empanelled.

The Case Outlined.

Opening the case, Mr. Holmes said that the father, whose name was Fu Fai cheuk, who was more than sixty years of age. There had been some dispute between him and his three sons with regard to money, and the matter was taken before the District Officer, who decided that each son should pay \$2 monthly to their father.

The Quarrel.

On the morning of December 11th, last year, the father went to see the prisoner, and asked for his \$2, but the latter said he had no money. The father went away and returned at about eight o'clock in the evening, and again asked for payment. Apparently the prisoner wanted his father to wait, but he refused to do so, and they started to quarrel. The father struck his son on the head, felling him to the ground, with an iron pipe which he was carrying. The son regained his feet, however, and the quarrel continued. The prisoner then picked up a chopper, which was lying on a table nearby, and, according to the case for the Crown, struck his father on his left hand. The blow caused a wound about three and a half inches long, and fractured three bones between the wrist and fingers.

A report was made to Castle Peak Police Station, both by the accused and another man.

Amputation Refused.

The father refused to go to hospital, but on December 14th, three days later, he agreed to visit the Kowloon Hospital, where it was recommended that his arm be amputated, as the wound was septic. He refused to consent, but on January 4th, the operation was performed, and on January 8th he died.

In order to save the jury unnecessary anxiety over the case, Mr. Holmes added that his Lordship would direct them on the points as to whether the first blow was struck by the father, whether he at first refused to go to hospital, and the fact that it was after his arm had been amputated that he died.

When charged at the Police Station, the prisoner made a statement to the effect that it was purely an accident, as he did not intend to kill his father. He made use of the chopper only to frighten him but his father tried to snatch the chopper away and, in doing so, was wounded. When charged at the Magistrate's Court, the prisoner declared that his father was drunk, and knocked him (prisoner) down with a pipe. Seeing the chopper lying beside him under a table, he picked it up and started off his father's blows. The latter struck his hand against the chopper with some force and then ran out of the house. Prisoner asserted that he did not know of the wound until he arrived at the Police Station.

Other evidence was also called for the prosecution. (Continued on next column).

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Prisoner Questioned.

Into the witness box, where he was questioned by Mr. Holmes with regard to his previous statements at the Police Station and at the Magistrate's Court, the prisoner denied that he had said he "put the chopper back where he had found it." He let the chopper fall where he was standing. He did not look at the chopper, and did not know there was blood on it.

Mr. Holmes reminded the prisoner that he had said he was lying on the ground and his father ran out of the house. Under those circumstances, why should he be run out of the house, asked Mr. Holmes. Prisoner replied that his father was dragged out by others, who were afraid that he would attack him (prisoner) again.

The Summing-up.

In summing up, his Lordship told the jury they had heard that the wound was the cause, or partly the cause of death, and that the man had refused hospital treatment, but that did not, in law, alter the

gravity of the offence. They were in the position that evidence had been given for the Crown by people who were relatives and friends of the prisoner, and also medical witnesses, as to the wound which fractured two bones in the back of the hand, which could only have been caused by what the Crown would describe as a blow. Also the prisoner had made contradictory statements.

The first question they had to decide was whether the injury was caused by a blow by the prisoner or not. If they decided that there was no such blow, then he should be acquitted. If they decided that there was such a blow, then they would have to answer the question as to whether the blow was dealt in self-preservation or not, and if they thought it was dealt in self-preservation, then prisoner should be acquitted.

Without retelling the jury brought in a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" and the prisoner was discharged.

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Hong Kong, 25th February, 1927. [4607]

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By Order of the Committee,
PAUL HODGSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [4605]

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THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be OPEN for the TRANSACCTIONS of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 9.30 A.M. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 27th INSTANT, 1st and 2nd MARCH, and CLOSE at 12 Noon.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [4608]

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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1927.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1927, at the Hon. SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

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Hong Kong, 24th February, 1927. [4597]

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA, E.C.

MASONIC SERVICE.

THE R. W. J. G. M. desires to remind all Masons in the District that the SECOND ANNUAL MASONIC SERVICE will be held in St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL on SUNDAY, the 27th INST., at 8 O'CLOCK. All Service Brethren are invited to attend.

The Cathedral Hall will be available for robing, and Brethren are requested to be ready to move in procession not later than 6.40 P.M. under the direction of D. G. Dir. of Cer.

[4599]

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THE AUCTIONEER
THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.
Hong Kong, 17th February, 1927. [4681]

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THE Undersigned have received Instructions to sell BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on

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Also—

Remnants of Cloth, Serge, Flannel, &c., Blankets, Boots, Sundry Articles of Moss and Table Gear, Condensed Emissions for Poultry and Cattle Feeding, &c.

LOTS MAY BE INSPECTED ON MONDAY, 7th MARCH 1927.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed in Catalogue.

LAMBERT BROTHERS,
By Appointment Auctioneers
to the Admiralty.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927. [4685]

ON SALE.

HONG KONG HANSARD REPORTS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session 1926-27.

Revised by Members.

PRICE \$5.

Hong Kong Daily Press Office

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY 1927 (both days inclusive) during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4594]

BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road, at 4.30 P.M. on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY the 26th 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th February, 1927. [4648]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 31st FEBRUARY to 5th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th February 1927. [4654]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4652]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

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FRIDAY, the 11th DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., at the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, VICTORIA, HONG KONG.

By Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, Auctioneer.

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PRINCE'S BUILDING, HONG KONG, OR TO

Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA,
The Auctioneer.
Hong Kong, 25th day of February, 1927. [4681]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.—BABY'S PERAMBULATOR Complete with Summer Canopy. Cost \$150. Sell \$50. Box No. 230, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [230]

TO LET.—No. 11, CONDUT ROAD. Apply—W. O. F. SING, 81, WING LOK ST. TEL. No. C. 5. [229]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Non-Selling Lottery on "THE HONGKONG DEBBY" will be Drawn in the HONGKONG CLUB STAND at the RACES COVERS on SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 3 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927. [4587]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927.

25th FEBRUARY, 1st, 2nd & 5th MARCH.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF AD-MISSION are Now Ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

Members are not permitted to these Races will also admit them to all the EXTRA RACE MEETINGS of This Year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, on or before SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1927, at Cost of \$10.00 Each Per Day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.00 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure: Price \$3.00 Per Day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD., or at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their Employers' Stands.

Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[4685]

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The Hon. SECRETARY,
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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 26th 1927.

THE PRESENT POSITION AND THE FUTURE.

GREAT Britain has issued a warning to the Soviet Government that anti-British propaganda must cease; but the general impression seems to be that the protest will not deflect Russia from "the implacable course of its policy." On the one side the Daily Mail characterizes the British Note as "an inoffensive and apologetic sermon" and remarks that it has heard "a more formidable scolding given by an elderly lady to her Pekingese in Hyde Park." On the other side the Daily News declares that to expect the Soviets to abandon their propaganda of Communism is tantamount to demanding that they cease to exist. In China the Russian party are actively working to bring chaos, misery and bloodshed. Through a series of deliberately planned strikes and boycotts they are endeavouring to spread abroad that general spirit of discontent which will brook no opposition and shrink from no violence. It is only in such an atmosphere that Bolshevik principles can be established and it is improbable that a sermon, however strongly worded, will persuade them to change a policy upon which they have already expended millions of money and years of effort.

What has China gained since she has flirted with this Soviet faith? Five years ago, China was a recognised member of the family of nations, enjoying the respect of the whole world. To-day she stands without credit. She truculently struts 'arm in arm with Russia trampling on foreign rights which have been secured by international treaties. Tales of horror and suffering flood the newspapers. The hurried evacuation of foreigners, and the damage to foreign property which have marked the advance of the Nationalist army are told throughout the capitals of Europe. With what result?—A complete loss of prestige, and a destruction of faith in the destinies of the Country. Let China seek a loan in the markets of Europe to-morrow and what would the response be? Yet the rebuilding, after the destruction, must take place, and Moscow with her own empty coffers cannot help.

Wealthy Chinese have been reduced to poverty as a result of the frequent interruption of trade, and very little assistance can be obtained at home. Abroad, Chinese hear of the seizure of the Sunning Railway and the China Merchants fleet and again the sources of capital dry up. The Soviet cannot get along without borrowing; and it is obvious that China cannot. But as credit depends on one's past and not on the promises to pay, in the future, however generous and effusive they may be, the prospects for China are not bright. Assuredly no sane person or nation would lend money to a neighbour who had abused the first essentials of trust.

This then is the pass to which the nationalist movement has come. It seems to be guided by those who think that an international reputation counts for nothing, and that the confiscation of private property and the support of the extravagant demands of the workers will not gravely affect the economic conditions of the future. We should have thought that recent events, in Russia, would have acted as a warning to avoid the road that is being travelled. The lessons of history, however, seem to exercise slight influence on those in power in China at the present time.

There will be another dance held at the Craigengower Cricket Club this evening at 8.15.

There will be a confirmation service held at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow evening at six o'clock.

The second annual Masonic Church Parade will be held to-morrow evening at St. John's Cathedral at six o'clock.

There will be another dance display by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell at the Theatre Royal this evening, at 9.15.

The 8th Ordinary general meeting of the Bank of East Asia is being held this afternoon at three o'clock at the offices, No. 10, Des Voeux Road.

Shareholders are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held to-day at noon at the City Hall.

The annual dinner of the Past and Present Commercial Students Association will be held this evening in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, West Point, after Sung Eucharist, at noon to-morrow.

Mr. H. J. Pearce, of the Public Works Department, the well known yachtsman, has returned to the Colony from Shanghai on the Empress of Asia bringing with him his bride.

At the smoking concert to be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club this evening at nine o'clock, Mr. R. E. Landsell, the President of the Club, will present the tennis and bowls prizes for the past season.

The Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next, and also on the following Saturday.

For the 24 hours, ended on the 24th instant, there were notified one Chinese case of small-pox, 9 Chinese cases of enteric and 2 Chinese cases of diphtheria.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at noon to-day (Saturday) in the City Hall.

For having concealed on board his junk one rifle and 138 rounds of ammunition, the steersman was fined \$200, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning.

A coolie received serious injuries as the result of a fall, on Thursday, from the first floor of No. 117, The Peak, where he was engaged in repair work. Dr. Bailean rendered first aid and the man was then removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

If it is wet this afternoon the Girl Guides Rally will be held at Volunteer Headquarters, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, instead of at Headquarters House. The presentation of the Prince of Wales Banner will be made by Lady Clementi.

An order for the confiscation of one automatic pistol and 250 rounds, which were found unclaimed by a Chinese revenue officer on board the Empress of Asia on Thursday, was made by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Robert Sheridan Hixson, Chief Radioman, U.S.S. Helena, to Miss Titiana Eugene Radinoff, residing at the Victory Hotel, Kowloon; and Mr. Francisca Thome Rodrigues, clerk, residing at Broadwood Terrace, to Miss Eida Meninda Rocha, residing at No. 23, Mosque Junction.

The second of the series of organ recitals, in aid of the newly constituted St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund, was given by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., last evening. There was a good attendance, and rendering of the programme, published in yesterday's Daily Press, was much appreciated. There will be another recital next Friday evening by Mr. F. Mason, the Cathedral Organist.

A serious motor accident occurred at Belcher's Street, Kennedy Town, on Thursday, where a little Chinese girl was run over by a public car and had one of her legs broken. Police stopped the car and took the driver into custody. Three Chinese, friends of the driver, evidently "joy riding" in the vehicle, were released. The girl was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where she is now in a critical condition.

The Hanoi piracy case was again mentioned in Mr. Lindsay's Court at the Central Magistrate's yesterday morning, when Chief Det. Insp. Murphy applied for a further remand. Insp. Murphy informed his Worship that the Hanoi would be in port again on Monday, but he did not know whether the races would affect matters. Mr. Lindsay: What! Affect the ship?—No, the officers. A remand in Police custody until Monday was ordered.

LOCAL WILL.

THE LATE MR. J. N. GOOSMAN.

HIS INSTRUCTIONS RE BURIAL SERVICE.

Letters of administration with the will annexed in respect of the estate of the late Mr. Johann Nicolas Goosman, late of Bremen, Germany, who died there on February 15th, 1926, have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, Johnson, Stokes and Master, appointed attorney to the executors, Dr. J. R. Daniel Danziger and Armin Haupt.

Deceased left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$17,500, and in his will he bequeaths all his property to relatives.

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NORTHERN TROOPS RAPIDLY
ADVANCING.

HANKOW THE OBJECTIVE.

LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS NOW IN SHANGHAI.

"NORTHERN SQUADRON," MANNED BY "WHITE
RUSSIAN," ON ITS WAY.MANY OF WU'S SUBORDINATE OFFICERS JOIN
THE NATIONALIST ARMY.

It would appear that events are rapidly approaching a crisis in Central China and that shortly a collision will take place between the Northern and the Southern troops.

The Fengtien Army is rapidly moving south. A large number of Chang Tso Lin's warriors are now in Honan, with the avowed object of storming Hankow at the earliest possible moment. They appear to be confident of success.

It is stated that there are now some 8,000 Northern troops in Shanghai, which probably doubtless means that they are in the neighbourhood of Shanghai Native City, which is close to the International Settlement and even nearer to the French Concession.

The Diplomatic Body have deemed it expedient to issue a warning to the leaders of both armies, which would appear to be fully justified by what happened on the 22nd instant when an abortive bombardment of Shanghai Native City was attempted.

In the circumstances it is very evident that the state of affairs both in the native and foreign quarters of Shanghai is not exaggerated in being described as "tense."

With the collapse of the general strike and in the absence of details regarding the state of affairs now prevailing in the International Settlement and the French Concession it may be inferred that something approximating fairly normal conditions now prevail. Everything possible has, of course, been done and continues to be done to guard against intrusion by either of the opposing forces.

THE LATEST NEWS OF THE
NORTHERN TROOPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25th.
Chang Tsung Chang's troops continue to arrive in Shanghai and are expected to reach 8,000 to-night, besides a number from Tsingtau who are coming aboard 16 ships. The "Northern Battle Squadron," which is expected shortly, is one manned by White Russians. It is reported that the squadron will go to Hankow to co-operate in the Fengtien operations against the Southerners by bombarding Hankow. A majority of Wu Pei Fu's subordinates are reported to have gone over to the Nationalists and giving the Fengtien advance is progressing strongly towards its objective, Hankow.

THREE AMERICAN DE-
STROYERS ARRIVE
OFF SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25th.
Three American destroyers have arrived from Manila.

TENSE SITUATION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RIOUX, Feb. 25th.
With the troops of San Chuan Fang and Chang Tsung Chang, the Shanghai war lords, on the one hand and the Canton Nationalists on the other in such near proximity, the situation in Shanghai is naturally tense.

MARINES LEAVE FOR THE
NORTH."RAJULA" ARRIVES AND
DEPARTS.

The s.s. *Minneapolis*, with 1,000 Royal Marines on board, left for Shanghai yesterday afternoon, shortly after two o'clock.

Just about the time of the *Minneapolis*' departure the s.s. *Rajula* arrived. She came into port to land four "Tomnies" for hospital. She then proceeded on her way to Shanghai. The vessel carries supplies of provisions, and a number of mules, etc.

Further troops by the *Kildonan Castle* and the *Kinsama Castle*, as previously mentioned, are due here to-day.

THREE NEW LIGHT
CRUISERS FOR U.S.A.HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTE \$450,000 FOR
CONSTRUCTION.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25th.
The House of Representatives, reversing their previous attitude, overrode President Coolidge's Budget recommendations and supported the Senate's action in voting funds to construct three light cruisers. The motion was adopted to provide \$450,000 to start work on the vessels.

U.S. SENATE'S FOREIGN
RELATIONS' COMMITTEE.GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO
SUGGESTED CENTRAL
AMERICAN VISIT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25th.
After consulting Pres. Coolidge, Mr. Kellogg has written to Senator Borah, stating that the Government sees no necessity for a visit to Central America by the Senate's Foreign Relations' Committee, proposed in Senator Borah's motion.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.
U.S.A. EXTENSION OF TRANS-
ATLANTIC SERVICE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25th.
The network of Trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service all over the United States will be completed on Saturday by the extension of the service to the Western States of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona. A call from Portland to London cost \$37 for the first three minutes and \$29 for each succeeding minute.

SQUASH RACQUETS.
ALL-BRITISH TEAM DEFEAT
HARVARD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 25th.
The All-British squash racquets team defeated Harvard by 3 matches to 2.

DE PINEDO'S FLIGHT.
AT PERNAMBUCO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PERNAMBUCO, Feb. 24th.
The Italian aviator, Marquis De Pinedo, has arrived here.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Military Control of Kiangsu.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25th.
Three thousand Shanghai troops are now here from Nanjing, and it is understood that 5,000 more are coming daily for the next few days for the defence of Shanghai.

General Chang Tsung Chang has now taken over the complete military control of Kiangsu. The retreating troops of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang have arrived by train from the front and precautions are being taken to keep them outside the Settlements.

All foreigners living in more or less isolated places outside the extended Settlement limits are being brought in, in view of the arrival of Marshal Sun's retreating troops.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

AT HANKOW.
PLAN TO DISAFFECT INDIAN
TROOPS.

HANKOW, Feb. 24th.
An anti-British demonstration, consisting of an enormous mass meeting, attended in tremendous numbers by the Chinese employees of British banks and house-boys, and followed by a great procession through the British Concession and the district, passed off without incident, although it was a demonstration in protest against British "Imperialism" in landing troops at Shanghai.

The temper of the crowd was much less virulent and excited than for some time. Groups of Indian agitators addressed the meeting, and after inflammatory speeches, undertook to stir dissent amongst the Indian regiments in Shanghai.

More troops for Hankow. Nanking, Feb. 24th.
Shantung troops are still pouring into Nanking. Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, and Chang Tsung Chang, the Shantung Tuyen, are both at Nanking.

At Chinkiang. CHINKIANG, Feb. 24th.
Shantung troops are beginning to arrive here in small numbers. Some of Marshal Sun's troops have left in the direction of the Grand Canal.

Mr. O'Malley. KIU-KING, Feb. 24th.
Mr. O. St. O'Malley and the British Consul left for Hankow to-day aboard H.M.S. *Cricketer*.

A CALAMITY AVERTED.

VALUE OF BRITISH TROOPS
AT SHANGHAI.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LONDON, Feb. 24th.
During the course of a speech at Birmingham, Mr. L. S. Amery (Secretary of State for the Colonies) declared that the events of the past fortnight had made it clear that if British troops had not been landed at Shanghai a disaster of the first magnitude might, at this moment, be happening to the great British and foreign communities of that city.

(Continued on next column.)

THE SOVIET'S REPLY
TO BRITAIN.DECLARES THAT THE NOTE
"MISSES THE MARK."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WHAT THE SOVIET "HAS
NEVER UNDERTAKEN."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Feb. 25th.
Referring to the "Intolerable tone of the British Note," the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* declares that it misses the mark and contains no specific charges justifying either its presentation or its threat to abrogate the Trade Agreement or even the severance of diplomatic relations. Regarding the charges against the politicians, the Soviet, in calling for a World Revolution, claims that the Soviet has never undertaken to prevent Russian individuals or members of the Government from voicing on Soviet territory their firm belief in an inevitable world revolution.

THE WARNING NOTE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 24th.
The Government has issued a note of warning to the Soviet Government to remind them that there were limitations even to the forbearance of Great Britain," said Mr. Amery in a speech at Birmingham.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Why The Warning Was Issued.

LONDON, February 24th.
Mr. L. S. Amery (Dominions Secretary) speaking at Birmingham referred to foreign money coming into this country. He said the Government had been very forbearing and were anxious to continue so. They wanted to trade with every country, whatever views they held about its internal affairs, but they were entitled to be left alone in their own country. They had therefore felt compelled to issue the Note as a warning to the Soviet.

Anti-British Agitators.

LONDON, February 24th.
The Home Secretary, Sir W. Joynson Hicks was asked in the House of Commons whether he was aware of anti-British activities in this country of certain Communist agitators in the pay of the Third International.

He replied that this matter was receiving his constant attention and he was keeping a very close eye on it, and, if necessary, he would ask for further powers.

Asked about the deportations of Russians, the Home Secretary said that the number of those carried out from the end of the war to the present time was fifty-seven. None of these deportations had occurred during his term of office—since the end of 1924.

U.S. TARIFF LAW.

THE "FLEXIBLE PROVISIONS"
IN DISPUTE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25th.
The much-debated "flexible provisions" of the Tariff Law, under which the President is empowered to raise or lower tariff rates within certain limits, was upheld as constitutional by the Court of Customs Appeals in a case which will probably be carried to the Supreme Court.

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 24th.
Speaking at a luncheon in connection with the British Industries Fair at Birmingham, the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, described the Fair as an unqualified success.

He said it revealed an immense amount of foresight. There was a new spirit displayed in the way in which manufacturers were organising co-operative exhibitions. It showed that they were departing from the old British habit of thought which was too reserved and did not realise the united strength of industry as a whole.

"Very Good Business."

The British Industries Fairs both in London and in Birmingham report very good business. The number of buyers from the Continent shows a great increase over that at previous fairs. More than 100 of these Continental buyers had passed the turnstiles at the London Fair in the first hour to-day.

CHILE'S EXTREMISTS.

EFFECTIVE METHOD OF
SUPPRESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SANTIAGO, Feb. 24th.
In conformity with its intention of completely suppressing Communism in Chile, the Government has arrested all anarchists and Bolshevik leaders, including members of Parliament, and has also suppressed extreme newspapers. The arrested persons will probably be incarcerated on Easter Island, to prevent them spreading their propaganda elsewhere.

NICARAGUA'S WAR.

BRITISH CRUISER
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AN EMPIRE ACADEMY.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED IN
LONDON.

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RACING AND HUNT NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Falling Hunt.
To-day there will be a paper chase laid by Messrs. Macnamara and Pym. Meet at "Hunters Arms" at 3 o'clock.

A Good Run.
On Wednesday afternoon hounds met at 2.30 p.m. at the Hunter's Arms with Mr. A. H. Potts as master and Mr. J. F. Pym as whipper-in. The field included Mrs. R. J. Paterson and Lieut. Col. Hayley Bell. A start was made across the ford behind Mody's Bungalow, the recent rains compelling hounds to swim across, water coming well up to the riders' girth straps. Picking up a line after drawing the foot hills around the big earth, hounds ran a strong scent to the top of the crest where they seemed at fault. Casting right, a line was run along the top of the ridge in the direction of Kwanti Stables when scent was again lost. Casting back along the foot hills, hounds ran a weak line to the top of the crest, eventually checking at the end of the original line.

The afternoon looked somewhat disappointing as hounds had by this time run some seven or eight miles and it was nearly five o'clock. A start for home was being considered when hounds put up a fox and went off in full cry in the direction of Montague Ridge. A very fast run of a half hour ensued, Reynard being in full view, and a kill seemed certain but he again proved too elusive and left hounds baffled after crossing some difficult swamp. Crossing the gap in the direction of Telegraph Pass, scent appeared to be still lying well and hounds were eager but the Master was reluctantly compelled to call them off and make a start for home owing to light failing. After some very hard work it was somewhat disappointing not to have killed as the run in full view constituted one of the finest the Hunt has had.

Annual Race Meeting.
The following is a few of the gallops that took place on Thursday morning on the sand track. It will be seen that Tangle and Loch Tunnel showed great improvement as I foreshadowed. These ponies were, however, carrying very little weight as the riding boys were distinctly on the light side.

Pottenbush (Gordon) 1 mile: 37; 1.13.2; 1.45.2. Last quarter 32.
Olo Custom (Seth) 1 mile: 38.2; 1.09; 1.41.2. Last quarter 32.2.
Gnomie (Ralph) 1 mile: 35; 1.09; 1.41.2. Last quarter 32.2.
Brigade Call (Gordon) 1 mile: 38; 1.13; 1.43. Last quarter 30.
The Ghov (Ralph) 1 mile: 35; 1.07; 1.40.2. Last quarter 32.
Fin Call (Gordon) and Smoke Call (Boy) 1 mile: 39.2; 1.50; 1.58; 2.29.3. Last quarter 33.3.
Kom Tong Hall (Encarnacao) 1 mile: 37; 1.13; 1.49.2; 2.21. Last quarter 31.3.
The Grig (Ralph) 1 mile: 38; 1.13; 1.45.2. Last quarter 32.2.
Min River (Boy) and Pearl River (Gordon) 1 mile: 38.2; 1.16; 1.49.4. Last quarter 33.4.
Grosvenor (Boy) 1 mile: 35; 1.08; 1.40.2. Last quarter 32.
Crystal Hall (Encarnacao) 1 mile: 37.1; 1.13; 1.48.2; 2.25.2. Last quarter 32.
Tangle (Boy) and Loch Tunnel (Boy) 1 mile: 33.2; 1.04.2; 1.37.2. Last quarter 33.
Yorks (Boy) Lochaber (Boy) 1 mile: 45; 1.24; 1.57.2. Last quarter 33.2.
Circe (Sewell) and Porverity (Seth) 1 mile: 37.1; 1.11.3; 1.44.3. Last quarter 33.
Lacada (Wong) 1 mile: 35; 1.13; 1.51.1; 2.26. Last quarter 34.4.

On Friday morning the grass course was open but there were very few gallops as most trainers were content to give their charges a sharp quarter. Canadian did half a mile in 1.03, last quarter 29.1. Bing Boy did the same distance in 1.03.3, last quarter 30.3 which is pretty good doing for a sub. Bagheera and Sugar Leaf went over the same distance in 1.04.2, last quarter 30.4 with the first named pony an easy winner (Dallas). Battle and Armistice Eve did exactly the same time with a 32 last quarter. Other gallops were as follows:—

Skidoo (Brodie) and Scooter (Boy) 1 mile: 33; 1.06.2; 1.39.4. Last quarter 31.2.
Bengal (Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 38; 1.11; 1.44.2; 2.18; 2.49. Last quarter 31.
Ukelele (Brodie) 1 mile: 34; 1.04.4; 1.38.4. Last quarter 32.

(Continued on next column).

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

The starting times at Fanling to-morrow (Sunday) are as under:—
9.30 a.m. T. C. Monaghan and T. Lowe.
9.35 " W. L. Smith and H. F. Bloxham.
9.38 " F. A. Perry and F. Lindsay Woods.
9.40 " W. Pittendrigh and J. H. Wallace.
9.44 " T. G. Bennett and T. D. E. Pendered.
9.45 " A. C. I. Bowker and J. H. M. Andrew.
9.52 " W. J. Shenton and B. Petheram.
9.53 " A. E. Lissaman and C. B. Robertson.
10.00 " W. L. Dunbar and L. R. Andrew.
10.04 " H. G. Hegarty and D. J. Gilmore.
10.08 " W. J. Clerk and F. B. Jones.
10.12 " I. W. Showan and J. Coulthart.
10.16 " R. L. Moncrieff and A. H. Ferguson.
10.20 " E. D. Black and T. L. Christer.
10.24 " D. Forbes and R. H. Procter.
10.28 " A. B. Purves and C. C. Stark.
10.32 " W. Beveridge and R. W. Lee.
10.36 " A. W. Hodges and C. Waddell.
10.40 " G. E. Towns and W. M. Cox.
10.44 " R. A. Green and J. H. Norrie.
10.48 " J. H. Hearn and H. R. Cleland.
10.52 " C. A. L. Bickett and H. M. Muir.
10.56 " J. F. Kennedy and F. Austin.
11.00 " H. R. Sturt and A. J. Frank.
11.04 " R. E. Greensmith and A. Leach and F. Taylor.
11.08 " K. Cooke and A. Brearley.
11.12 " D. B. Peat and D. Bosth.
11.16 " A. Piercy and A. D. Humphreys.
11.20 " N. K. Littlejohn and S. T. Butler.
11.24 " E. P. Fletcher and F. M. Ellis.
11.28 " G. Aubrey and R. M. Finlayson.
Tuesday, March 1st.
10.30 " F. M. Ellis and F. Austin.
Wednesday, March 2nd.
10.20 " H. R. Cleland and T. S. Whyte-Smith.

YACHTING.

INTERESTING WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

There will be another full yachting programme this week-end. To-day the racing yachts will compete for the Tai Yut Cup for prize-winner. The preparatory run will be fired at 2.25 p.m., and the starting gun at 2.30 p.m. The time limit has been fixed for 7 p.m. The course is Lyemun Beacon (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.), Mark on Line (P.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rocks (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.). The distance is just over 10 miles.
To-morrow, the Cruisers re-sail their 8th Championship race, the course being to Lamma Island and back, a distance of 25 miles. As yet there is no indication of when the 1st Championship race, postponed from last Sunday, on account of fog and no wind, will be re-sailed.
Next Saturday there is a Menagerie race for the racing yachts, and on the Sunday a race in which the Club will oppose the ladies. On the following Saturday (March 12th), there is the "Ladies" cup and on March 10th, the same yachts compete for the Service Members' Cup. On Sunday, March 13th the Cruisers will sail in the Presented Cups race for their class.

Grosvenor (Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 33; 1.14.2; 1.48.3. Last quarter 34.1.
Festive Eve (Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 38; 1.14; 1.47. Last quarter 33.
Mountain Fox (Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 35; 1.07. Last quarter 32.

An interesting visitor to the course was Mr. D. E. Sassoon. In 1891 he won the Derby on Zephyr and in '92 the Champions on Hare, both his own ponies. He also won the Ladies' Purse in 1897, 1898, and 1892. These performances are difficult to reconcile with his upright carriage and general bearing but then racing men seem never to grow old.

Mr. C. B. Brown's Stonehenge will not, it is feared, face the Starter as he damaged himself rather badly yesterday in an encounter with some barbed wire. After unseating his rider he seems to have gone completely off the deep end and he is at present under close observation. It is very bad luck on his Owner as this pony was one of the best sibs. He may, however, make a quick recovery and there are always the Extra Meetings, subject, of course, to the exigencies of the military situation.

On Monday morning I will publish further times and give my selections.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SHIELD TIES AND LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

COMPLETE PROGRAMME AND NOTES.

To-day there will be four shield ties in the Junior section of the H.K.F.A. Challenge Shield competition, and there will also be three matches in Division I. of the League, and in Division II. "A". The following games are down for decision to-day:—

H.K.F.A. Challenge Shield.

Junior: Second Round.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's "A" v. Kowloon Res. St. Joseph's ground.

St. Peter's Y.M.C. v. K.O.S.B.'s Reserves, Sookunpoo "A" ground.

China Athletic "A" v. St. Joseph's "B" Sookunpoo "B" ground.

H.K.F.C. Reserves v. China Athletic "B" H.K.F.C. ground.

Extra time, ten minutes each way, will be played if necessary.

Hong Kong League: Division I.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

K.O.S.B.'s v. Club de Recreo, St. Joseph's ground.

R.A. v. China Athletic, Sookunpoo "A" ground.

H.K.F.C. v. Hong Kong Police, H.K.F.C. ground.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

R.A. Reserves v. South China Reserves, South China ground.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club are fielding a team in the football competition to-day for the first time. The names of the eleven have not been stated, but probably there are several good players who have turned out for other Club in the Colony. Unfortunately, they have drawn the strongest team in the junior division and are not very likely to enter the semi-final. The K.O.S.B.'s Reserves are the favourites for the junior shield and they should have little difficulty in disposing of the Y.M.C. to-day.

A good game should be seen on the H.K.F.C. ground, between the H.K.F.C. Reserves and the Athletic "B". Both teams had wins last week but the Club men are favoured for the semi-final.

Kowloon Reserves are due on St. Joseph's ground against the College "A" team. Kowloon won a league game there last and should win this although both sides will turn out as stronger.

China Athletic "A" oppose the College "B" team at Sookunpoo and a win for the "A" team is expected.

The senior league games all have a bearing on the runners-up position. Although it is not expected that the Borderers will defeat the league leaders, a good game should be seen and anything may happen owing to the state of St. Joseph's ground.

The game at Sookunpoo between the R.A. and China Athletic will attract a large crowd. The Athletic are confident of securing the points but they will find the Gunners hard to beat on the Garrison ground.

The most interesting game of the week will be on the ground of the H.K.F.C. with the Police and Club playing their return league game. These teams are old rivals and have played many fine sporting games on the Club ground. The visitors will have the advantage in defence and their will be little to choose between the respective attacks. With the present players available, the Police will also have the advantage in the middle line. A good game should be seen and the scoring will be low.

Only one game is down in the Junior League, the R.A. and South China Reserves meeting on the latter's ground. The R.A. practically lost their chances for the runners-up position on this ground, where they went down to the University unexpectedly by two clear goals. The R.A. should win to-day.

H.K.F.C. v. Police.

This match will be played on the Club ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Club—Rodger, Wallington and Bishop; Bailton, Linnaker and McBride; Taylor, Alexander, Howard, Hanson and Key.

H.K.F.C. and XI v. China Athletic "B."

This game will be played at the Club ground to-day at 2.30 p.m.

Club—Skipper, Hill and Purves; Vickers, Lyon and Fanchon; Campbell, Thompson, Pile, White and Mitchell. Reserves: Brown, Thomas and Currie.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

PROGRAMMES OF ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

There are no cup ties to-day and, as a consequence, there are full programmes in both the English League and Scottish League (First Division).

The complete fixtures, according to the official handbook, are as under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal v. Burnley.

Birmingham v. Tottenham.

Blackburn R. v. Leeds U.

Bury v. West Ham U.

Derby C. v. Aston Villa.

Huddersfield v. Everton.

Liverpool v. Newcastle U.

Manchester U. v. Bolton W.

Sheffield U. v. Cardiff C.

Sunderland v. Leicester C.

West Brom. v. Wednesday.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Manchester C.

Blackpool v. Fulham.

Bradford C. v. Hull C.

Chelsea v. South Shields.

Grimsby T. v. Preston N.E.

Middlesbrough v. Clapton O.

Nottingham F. v. Darlington.

Port Vale v. Notts C.

Reading v. Oldham A.

Southampton v. Wolverhampton.

Swansea v. Portsmouth.

Division III. (Southern).

Aberdeen v. Crystal Palace.

Bournemouth and B.A. v. Charlton A.

Brentford v. Exeter City.

Brighton and H.A. v. Southend U.

Bristol C. v. Bristol Rovers.

Gillingham v. Watford.

Millwall v. Swindon T.

Newport C. v. Coventry C.

Northampton v. Metherby T.

Norwich C. v. Luton T.

Plymouth A. v. Queens Park R.

Division III. (Northern).

Aberdeen v. Bradford.

Barrow v. Durham C.

Chesterfield v. Walsall.

Crewe A. v. Tranmere R.

Halifax v. Accrington S.

Hartlepool U. v. Rochdale.

Nelson v. Lincoln C.

New Brighton v. Rotherham U.

Stockport v. Southport.

Wigan B. v. Doncaster R.

Wrexham v. Stoke City.

Scottish League: Division I.

Celtic v. St. Mirren.

Cowdenbeath v. Dundee.

Dundee U. v. Dunfermline A.

Falkirk v. Clyde.

Hibernian v. Hamilton A.

Motherwell v. Airdrieonians.

Partick T. v. Hearts.

Queen's Park v. Rangers.

St. Johnstone v. Aberdeen.

OUP TIE REPLAYS.

[THROUGH BROKER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 24th.

In the Association Cup re-play match, Swansea defeated South Shields by two goals to one. (In the next round, Swansea will be at home to Reading.)

In the Scottish Cup re-play match, Montrose were defeated at home by Dundee United by one goal to three. (In the next round, Dundee United will play Partick Thistle on the latter's ground.)

Playing in the Third Division (South) of the English League, Queen's Park Rangers and Exeter drew with the score at one goal each.

WEEK-END SPORT.

ANOTHER FULL PROGRAMME.

There will be another full programme of sport this week-end.

There are a good number of football matches. Details of the fixtures will be found in another column, together with notes on the respective clubs participating.

In addition both League and friendly cricket matches are being played.

At the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club the racing yachts are competing for the Tai Yut Cup for prize-winner. To-morrow the Cruisers re-sail their 8th Championship race. There is no competition golf at Fanling this week-end. The next competition games—for the Captain's Cup—from March 6th to 7th, starting times may be booked for the holidays.

To-night the novice boxing competition for men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force will be concluded at the Naval Canteen Theatre, Rear-Admiral Boyle (Commanding the First Cruiser Squadron) will present the prizes to the winners of the finals.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, of course, there will be the annual races.

For these three days, the Volunteers have arranged three cricket matches. They will play against a combined League team on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Monday. On Tuesday they play against the Army on the Club de Recreo ground, and on Wednesday they are playing against the Royal Navy. The Club de Recreo have also arranged a cricket match for Monday, a League fixture against the Kowloon Cricket Club.

To-morrow is a cricket match against the China Light and Power Co. Recreation Club.

CRICKET NOTES.

Most unfortunately, when I wrote my notes which were published yesterday, I was unaware that the K.C.C. had very sportingly arranged to play a mid-week match against the K.O.S.B.'s. Lyall had four of his regular side off, including Goodwin, E. F. Fincher and Macaskill, and it was a very heavy handicap. Even so, I am told Kowloon might well have won save for a perfect epidemic of dropped catches.—15 in all my informant stated. Thorpe who got 29 was dropped at 5 and Everest, before he had scored. Even so, and even though Guest and Ramsay failed, all looked well as Brace and Morris were batting beautifully until the former got over keen and lashed out at an off one, giving cover an easy chance. It was the same shot which cost him his wicket against the Civil Service and he should try and forget it. To complete the disaster Morris was out to a really brilliant left-handed catch by Dobbie. Goodwin was down to play, but he had not fielded and no arrangement had been made, so Lyall, very properly in my opinion, did not bat him though Dobbie raised no objection. As a matter of fact, in a League game, I think that the laws of cricket should be observed as strictly as they are in the County Championship at home, for the reason that the outcome of a match may affect other teams besides the two immediately concerned.

I doubt very much whether it will really affect Kowloon's chance for the shield but if they do get beaten this afternoon everyone will sit up and take notice at the top of the table. By the way, I shouldn't like to be the man to ask Ramsay to play cricket on a Thursday afternoon,—not just yet any way!

R. ABBIT.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

League: Division I.

Civil Service v. K.O.S.B.

University v. Royal Artillery.

Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Friendly Matches.

Tamar v. Police.

Royal Navy v. Civil Service 2nd.

A. W. Hayward's XI v. H. Owen Hughes's XI.

Craigengower v. Kowloon.

To-morrow's Matches.

K.B.S.F.P.A. v. China Light & Power, at King's Park.

Sinda Merchants v. Bohra Merchants, at Indian R.C. at 2.15.

H.K.C.C. Inter-Club Games.

The League match between the Hong Kong C.C. and the R.E. and Signals is scratched. There will be an Inter-Club game on the Club ground at 2 p.m. to-day (Saturday), between the following:—H. J. Armstrong, H. C. Gardner, J. R. Crawford, G. E. Gardner, J. R. Hinton, W. Lee, E. J. B. Mitchell, J. N. Owen, J. A. Summers and G. R. Vallack.

H. Owen Hughes (capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, J. C. Burgess, Capt. Evers, P. Jacks, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. T. Orr, Pritchard, H. J. V. K. Stevenson, C. E. D. Wales and W. Wooding.

Sindhi Merchants v. Behra Merchants.

The Sindhi Merchants will play a friendly match with the Behra Merchants of Hong Kong on Sunday at 3.15 p.m. on the I.R.C. ground.

Sindhi Team:—G. P. Daswani (capt.), V. T. Manns, Fatoomal, Narandas, Sobhrai, Nennamal, Utoomal, Siroomal, Lachiram, H. Pritam and Dayaram.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET WEEK.

THE TEAMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES.

During next week the Volunteers, as previously stated, have arranged to play three matches, namely on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each match will commence as soon as possible after tea, which will be taken at noon. The following teams will represent the Volunteers in the matches as given below:—

Monday.

Volunteers v. Combined League, at H.K.C.C.—E. J. B. Mitchell (capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. Vallack, W. Wooding, H. C. Burgess, J. R. Hinton, E. C. Fincher, A. W. L. Ramsay, J. C. Lyall and F. T. Orr.

Tuesday.

Volunteers v. Army, at Club de Recreo—E. J. B. Mitchell (capt), H. C. Burgess, J. C. Lyall, A. W. Ramsay, G. R. Vallack, E. F. Lawrence, C. D. Wales, F. T. Orr, J. A. Summers, S. Jex, and H. E. Standage.

Wednesday.

Volunteers v. Navy, at H.K.C.C.—E. J. B. Mitchell (capt), G. R. Sayer, A. C. I. Bowker, H. Owen Hughes, A. W. L. Ramsay, J. C. Lyall, E. F. Fincher, G. R. Vallack, W. Wooding, E. F. Lawrence, and J. R. Hinton.

CRICKET.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

No matches were played last Saturday on account of the weather and only one game has been played since the last list of averages was published. This took place on Thursday and the Kowloon Cricket Club were unexpectedly beaten by the K.O.S.B. in the first division.

The second division averages remain the same and are, therefore, not published to-day.

The averages follow:—

BATTING.					
Division I.					
Players.	No. of Inns.	Runs.	Inns.	Not out.	Average.
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	5	209	82	3	69.68
A. W. Hayward (H.K.C.C.)	5	231	79	1	57.75
E. Emley (R.N.)	5	99	33	2	49.50
H. N. Balhatchet (U.)	4	141	129	1	47.00
E. C. Fincher (C.S.C.C.)	7	179	83	3	44.75
B. D. Evans (C.S.C.C.)	4	131	75	1	43.66
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)	8	334	119	0	41.75
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	5	189	91	1	41.50
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	5	181	63	1	40.25
A. W. Ramsay (K.C.C.)	7	201	64	1	33.50
W. Brace (K.C.C.)	7	188	43	1	31.33
S. H. Iamail (I.R.C.)	4	89	47	1	28.68
Capt. Evers (H.K.C.C.)	4	83	72	1	27.66
B. P. Ng (U.)	5	107	37	1	26.75
Lt. Col. Cantrell (R.N.)	4	100	43	0	25.00
T. E. Yeph (C.R.C.)	4	117	41	0	23.40
F. J. de Rome (C.S.C.C.)	7	119	33	2	22.00
F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C.)	5	66	31	3	22.00
S. V. Gittens (U.)	5	105	60	0	21.69
J. S. A. Curruem (I.R.C.)	5	105	54	0	21.00
J. L. Youngs (C.R.C.)	8	104	26	1	20.80
U. M. Omar (C.C.G.)	8	194	52	0	20.66
O. Small (C.C.C.)	6	123	49	0	20.50
Smith (R.A.)	4	81	50	0	20.25

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WENHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KWANGSE"	On 3rd Mar.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 8th Mar.	8 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

February 26th.

Denny, American str., 3,495 tons, Capt. G. Hagberg, Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Swaine Hoyt Inc.

Hong Sang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. B. J. J. Snodden, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 87. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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February 25th.

Fengler, Chinese str., 1,250 tons, Capt. T. Nori, from Saigon, with rice and merchandise, lying at buoy No. C15—Ching Kee.

Joh. Ludo. Mavinkel, Norwegian str., 1,723 tons, Capt. H. Eide, from Port Campha, with 935 tons of coal, lying at Yaumati. Ching Sun Co.

Katha, German str., 906 tons, Capt. H. Fraussen, from Dairen, a cargo of beans, lying at buoy No. C15—Kwang Mow Tai.

CLEARANCES.

February 25th.

Alex. Kielland, for Swatow.

Chunghing, for Tournay.

City of Calcutta, for Chinwangtao.

Ginga Maru, for Moji.

Hakong, for Swatow.

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Suechow, for Swatow.

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:

Kanagawa Maru, Kisan Maru, Komatsu Maru, Kiku Maru, Albert Vogler, President Jefferson, Huihong, Chunghing, Alex. Kielland, Proterious, Silver Larch, Acacia, Eurylochus.

NO NEWS OF THE "ELKTON."

FRUITLESS SEARCH BY U.S.A. NAVY.

LOST OR ONLY HER WIRELESS DESTROYED.

On Thursday we published an extract from a Manila contemporary regarding the missing steamer Elkton, which sent out distress signals late one night last week. It will be recalled that the steamer, which received the distress call, made a search over a radius of 200 miles, but was unable to find any trace of the ship, other than oil floating on the rough sea.

Manila papers of last Sunday contain the following statement regarding the steamer:

The fate of the freighter Elkton, of the American Pioneer line and its crew of 37 men still is not known in Manila. The boat sent out distress signals on Thursday night, giving its position as 136.3 degrees east longitude and 14.18 north latitude, or nearly 1,000 miles east of Manila. The distress signals were picked up by the steamer Liberator. This boat searched over a radius of 200 miles but was unable to find the Elkton.

Four U.S.A. destroyers, the Preston, Sicard, Stewart, and Paul Jones, were dispatched to search for the missing steamer. Radio messages received from the destroyers last night said they had arrived in the vicinity from which the Elkton sent out the distress signals but that no trace had been found of the ship.

Hope and Fear.

Hope has not been altogether abandoned and members of the shipping board staff think that the terrific storm through which the Elkton was passing on Thursday night, washed the radio aerial from the ship deck and that it was unable to send out messages. They believe, also, that the ship is still afloat and on its way to Honolulu.

Radio men frankly think the boat is lost. They base their belief on the fact that the Elkton would be able to send a message even though the antenna had been destroyed. The ship would not be able to send a message for more than five miles, but it would be an easy matter to provide a new antenna with a single wire that would intercept or transmit a message for 1,000 miles or more.

According to naval officers, the destroyers will not be able to continue the search for the vessel for more than 48 hours without an additional supply of oil. A detailed report on weather conditions and their findings, if any, in the region from which the Elkton reported its distress, is expected to-day.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 8 p.m. stated:

Depressions are shown over the eastern sea, and over S.W. China. Local forecast: S. or variable winds, generally overcast, fog.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

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Mar. 30	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 23	20 C'brg-S'hapta Apr. 29
Apr. 6	San Francisco	Homer	Apr. 30	30 C'brg-S'hapta May 6
Apr. 13	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	30 C'brg-S'hapta May 7
Apr. 20	San Francisco	Aquitanian	May 11	11 C'brg-S'hapta May 17
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SINGAPORE	"FAUSANG"	Friday, 4th Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Sunday, 6th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday, 8th Mar., at Noon
SHANGHAI	"LAUSANG"	Tuesday, 8th Mar., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"YATSHING"	Wednesday, 8th Mar., at 7 a.m.
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EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES DOWN.

SMALL ENTRIES.

There was a decrease in the amount of general cargo and in the number of vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, compared with the previous day.

The Colony's imports amounted to only 2,113 tons, of which, 1,223 tons were discharged from two British steamers. The best return was shown by the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, which brought 923 tons from Vancouver and Shanghai.

Through cargoes, amounting to 8,345 tons, were manifested on three steamers. Two British vessels carried 5,345 tons. The two best returns were 4,500 tons and 3,000 tons. The former represented cargo on the *S.S. Silver Larch* (British) from San Francisco and Shanghai. The 3,000 tons were carried by the American steamer *Devey*, from Portland, Ore., and Manila.

During the period under review there were 9 arrivals and 19 departures. The nationalities were: British, 4 arrivals and 8 departures; Japanese, 5 departures; Norwegian, 3 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 1 departure; Dutch, 2 departures; French, 1 arrival and American, 1 arrival.

The number of vessels in the harbour was 74, of which 24 were British.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. Empress of Asia (British) from Vancouver, 923 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, and 845 tons for other ports.

S.S. Silver Larch (British) from San Francisco and Shanghai, 3,000 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, and 4,500 tons for other ports.

S.S. Devey (American) from Portland, Oregon and Manila, 600 tons general for Hong Kong and 3,000 tons for other ports.

S.S. Jade (French) from Pakhoi and Hanoi, 95 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

S.S. Poo Sang (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan, 75 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

S.S. Sum Kong (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan, 120 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

S.S. Feng Lee (Chinese) from Saigon, 2,000 tons of rice for Hong Kong.

The following vessels arrived in ballast:—

S.S. Hong Sang (British) from Canton.

S.S. Han Chang (British) from Dairen and Amoy.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT.

The N.D.L. *s.s. Derfflinger* left Shanghai on the 25th inst. and is expected to arrive here on Monday morning. She will sail for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports at 5 p.m. on the same day.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The *s.s. Feng Lee* (Chinese) which arrived yesterday from Saigon, brought 2,000 tons of rice for local discharge.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, the total number of deck passengers entering Hong Kong was 250. Of this number, the *s.s. Empress of Asia* brought 239 from Vancouver and Shanghai.

In a report to the Harbour Office, the master of the *s.s. Empress of Asia*, states that two Asiatic deck passengers died on the voyage from Vancouver to Shanghai.

The steam launch *Lee Hong* ran into a junk in the harbour on Thursday, causing damage to the boat just at 2.00. No-one was injured.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due March 5th.

Benavon (Ben Line), due March 2nd.

Calchas (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.

Delhi (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.

Eumaeus (Blue Funnel), due March 27th.

Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Polypheus (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.

President Jefferson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-morrow.

President Lincoln (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 28th.

President Wilson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 28th.

Rhezenor (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.

Troilus (Blue Funnel), due March 5th.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 25th.

	Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.99	29.83	29.79	
Temperature	59	60	69	
Humidity	94	97	80	
Wind—				
Direction	N	E	E	
Force	5	3	0	
Weather	OD	OF	O	
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Highest open-air Temperature, 24th: 59

Lowest open-air Temperature, 25th: 59

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 26th to March 4th, 1927.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	26	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		4 15	3 8	4 43	3 5
Sun.	27	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		7 3	1 3	0 40	2 1
Mon.	28	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		5 54	0 6	9 43	3 6
Tues.	29	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		6 55	7 0	11 21	3 6
Wed.	30	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		7 19	7 5	0 37	3 3
Thurs.	31	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
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Fri.	1	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
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		10 16	0 4	4 3	0 4
		9 54	7 8	3 24	2 2

M. M. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

LIGNES COMMERCIALES (Cargo Boats).
Monthly sailings direct to HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, DUNKIRK.—
*s/s "D. BENOIT" ... 27th February.
*s/s "OAPT. FAURE" ... 15th April.

*s/s "CAPT. FAURE" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 28th February.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (Mail Services)

Steamers	Sailings from Hong Kong	Arr. at Hong Kong	Sailings from Hong Kong for
ANGKOR	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.
PORTHUS	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.
PAUL LEGAC	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.
G. METZINGER	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.
AMAZON	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.
CHRONCEAUX	1st Mar.	15th Mar.	1st Mar.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES

(Including Table Wine and Free Doctor's Attendance).
A Class 1st Class—25.00. 2nd Class—15.00. 3rd Class—10.00. 4th Class—5.00. 5th Class—2.50. 6th Class—1.25. 7th Class—0.62. 8th Class—0.31. 9th Class—0.15. 10th Class—0.07. 11th Class—0.03. 12th Class—0.01. 13th Class—0.00. 14th Class—0.00. 15th Class—0.00. 16th Class—0.00. 17th Class—0.00. 18th Class—0.00. 19th Class—0.00. 20th Class—0.00. 21st Class—0.00. 22nd Class—0.00. 23rd Class—0.00. 24th Class—0.00. 25th Class—0.00. 26th Class—0.00. 27th Class—0.00. 28th Class—0.00. 29th Class—0.00. 30th Class—0.00. 31st Class—0.00. 32nd Class—0.00. 33rd Class—0.00. 34th Class—0.00. 35th Class—0.00. 36th Class—0.00. 37th Class—0.00. 38th Class—0.00. 39th Class—0.00. 40th Class—0.00. 41st Class—0.00. 42nd Class—0.00. 43rd Class—0.00. 44th Class—0.00. 45th Class—0.00. 46th Class—0.00. 47th Class—0.00. 48th Class—0.00. 49th Class—0.00. 50th Class—0.00. 51st Class—0.00. 52nd Class—0.00. 53rd Class—0.00. 54th Class—0.00. 55th Class—0.00. 56th Class—0.00. 57th Class—0.00. 58th Class—0.00. 59th 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